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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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CENTURY ENTERPRISES, INC. Transferees)		
FOR CONSENT TO TRANSFER CONTROL))		
PURSUANT TO SECTION 214 OF THE)		
COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934,)		
AS AMENDED)		

JOINT APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL

Yates City Telephone Company ("Yates City") and C-R Long Distance, Inc ("C-R") (collectively, "Transferors") and Mid Century Telephone Cooperative ("Mid Century") and Century Enterprises, Inc. ("CEI"), (collectively, "Transferees"), through their undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully request authorization pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act, as amended, and Sections 63.03 and 63.04(a) of the Commission's Rules, to transfer control of certain exchange and exchange access telecommunications assets from Yates City to Mid Century, and to transfer certain interexchange and international telecommunications assets from C-R to CEI. This Application is being filed simultaneously with the International Bureau and the Wireline Competition Bureau

Section 63.04 Application - Domestic Section 214 Authorization

In accordance with the requirements of Section 63.04 of the Commission's Rules, Applicants submit the following information:

(1) Name, address and telephone number of each applicant:

Transferors

Yates City Telephone Company c/o FairPoint Communications, Inc 521 East Morehead Street Suite 250 Charlotte, NC 28202

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Century Enterprises, Inc. 285 Mid Century Lane PO Box 380 Fairview, IL 61432

TEL: 309/778-8611 FAX: 309/783-3297

Government, state or territory under the laws of which each corporate or partnership applicant is organized:

Each Applicant is organized under the laws of the State of Illinois

(3) Name, title, post office address, and telephone number of the officer or contact point to whom correspondence concerning the application is to be addressed:

For the Transferors

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Vice President and Assistant General Counsel
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For the Transferees

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with a copy to Counsel:

Sylvia Lesse Communications Advisory Counsel, LLC 2145 Wisconsin Ave., NW Washington, DC 20007 (202) 333-5273 (phone) (202) 333-5274 (fax)

(4) Name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the applicant, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those entities:

TRANSFERORS:

Yates City Telephone Company

%

Name & Address
FairPoint Communications, Inc. 100%
521 East Morehead Street

<u>Citizenship</u> <u>Principal Business</u> USA <u>Telecommunications</u> The shares of FairPoint Communications, Inc. are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and no individual shareholder directly or indirectly owns 10% or more of FairPoint Communications, Inc. common stock.

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Mid Century Telephone Cooperative 285 Mid Century Lane PO Box 380 Fairview, IL 61432

Transferee Mid Century is a cooperative organization, of which no single person or entity owns 10% or more of its equity. Its principal business is the provision of communications services. Mid Century holds 100% of the interests in Transferee CEI.

(5) Certification pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 1.2001 through 1.2003 that no party to the application is subject to denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

All parties to this application hereby certify, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sections 1.2001-1.2003, that no party to the present application is subject to denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

(6) Description of the Transaction:

The proposed transaction contemplates Transferee Mid Century's purchase of certain exchange and exchange access telecommunications assets from Yates City, and CEI's purchase of certain interexchange telecommunications assets from C-R. The subject exchange access assets of Yates City Telephone Company serve approximately 470 access lines in the single exchange of Yates City, Illinois. The purchased exchange assets will be incorporated into Transferee Mid Century's on-going operations, and former Yates City customers will become cooperative members. The portion of the C-R interexchange assets and the approximately 251 interstate customers covered by the transaction are wholly within the Yates City service area, and will be purchased by CEI and incorporated into its on-going operations. Notifications meeting federal and state law requirements have been or will be sent to subscribers of exchange and interexchange services. After the transaction, C-R will continue to provide services to its remaining customers.

(7) Description of the geographic areas in which the transferor and transferee (and their affiliates) offer domestic telecommunications services, and what services are provided in each area:

Transferors

Transferor Yates City is a rural telephone company, operating a single exchange in and around the town of Yates City, in Knox County, Illinois. It serves approximately 470 access lines (369 residential and 95 business). The telephone service area covers approximately 50 square miles. C-R provides interexchange and international services to approximately 251 subscribers in Yates City that are the subject of the instant transaction. C-R will continue the provision of interexchange and international services to its remaining subscribers in non-contiguous service areas.

Fairpoint Communications, Inc. ("Fairpoint), the parent company of Yates City Telephone Company, is a geographically diverse rural telephone company, owning 31 local telephone companies in 18 states with approximately 252,000 access line equivalents in service. Fairpoint affiliates provide customers local exchange and exchange access services, long distance voice, data, Internet and broadband offerings, and enhanced calling features, digital subscriber line services, Internet access, advanced data services and cable television services.

Transferees

Transferee Mid Century is a rural telephone company, operating 13 exchanges in western Illinois, serving approximately 4319 access lines (3720 residential and 599 business). Its telephone service area covers approximately 600 square miles. Mid Century's wholly-owned subsidiary, CEI, provides interexchange and international services to approximately 3250 subscribers located within the Mid Century service area.

In addition to exchange, exchange access, interexchange and international service, Transferees and their affiliates provide a variety of telecommunications and information services to its cooperative members, including Internet, broadband, enhanced calling features and cable television services.

(8) Statement as to how the application fits into one or more of the presumptive streamlined categories in section 63.03 or why it is otherwise appropriate for streamlined treatment:

Because the Yates City exchange abuts territory currently served by Mid Century, Applicants understand that the instant transaction does not qualify for presumptive streamlined treatment. Nonetheless, prompt processing is appropriate under the circumstances because the very small number of subscribers affected by this transaction result in no perceptible change in the market or market share of any party. All interexchange carrier parties continue to have a market share in the interstate, interexchange market of less than 10%, and all LEC parties continue to have, individually or collectively, fewer than two (2) percent of the subscriber lines installed in the aggregate nationwide

(9) Identification of all other Commission applications related to the same transaction:

Application for International Section 214 authorization filed contemporaneously herewith.

(10) Statement of whether the applicants are requesting special consideration because either party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure:

No party to the application is requesting special consideration because of imminent business failure.

(11) Identification of any separately filed waiver requests being sought in conjunction with the transaction:

There are no separately filed waiver requests being sought in conjunction with the transaction. Upon completion of the transaction, Transferee will absorb existing subscribers as cooperative members and incorporate the exchange in its current study area. No study area waiver will be required for this consolidation.'

(12) Statement showing how grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, including any additional information that may be necessary to show the effect of the proposed transaction on competition in domestic markets:

The proposed transaction will serve the public interest by ensuring no interruption of service and no inconvenience to the affected customers. Transferees have the technical, financial and managerial capabilities to provide quality service to Transferors' customers. Each local exchange subscriber will have all the rights and privileges of a cooperative member, including voting for a representative to the Board of Directors and eligibility for capital credits that may be allocated. In addition, all of Transferees' existing subscribers will benefit from the increase in economies of scale resulting from the acquisition.

Applicants respectfully request that the Commission grant the Application as soon as practicable.

Partial Transfer of Control of International Section 214 Authorization

Applicant C-R Long Distance, Inc. resells switched international long distance toll services to residential and business customers pursuant to an international Section 214 authorization granted by the Commission under File No. ITC-214-20000320-00156. After the transaction, C-R will continue operations. To effect a partial transfer of the subject authorization, and in accordance with the requirements of Section 63.24(e) of the Commission's Rules, Applicants submit the following information:

(1) Name, address and telephone number of each applicant:

Please see information provided above in response to Item 1

¹ M&L Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Skyline Telephone Company, Petition for Waiver of Sections 36.611.36.612 and 69.2(hh) of the Commission's Rules. Order, 19 FCC Rcd 6161, 6767 (2004) ("study area waiver request is not required when , , , a holding company is consolidating existing study areas in the same state").

(2) Government, state or territory under the laws of which each corporate or partnership applicant is organized

Please see information provided above in response to Item 2

(3) Name, title, post office address, and telephone number of the officer or contact point to whom correspondence concerning the application is to be addressed

Please see information provided above in response to Item 3

(4) Statement as to whether the applicant had previously received authority under Section 214 of the Act.

Assignor C-R Long Distance, Inc. holds the international Section 214 authorization for international resale pursuant to File No. ITC-214-20000320-00156. Because C-R intends to continue operations, a partial assignment of the instant authorization is requested.

In addition, various subsidiaries of FairPoint have previously received global switched resale authority under Section 214, including Be Mobile Communications, Inc. (ITC-214-19970710-00391); Berkshire Cable Corporation (File No. ITC-214-19970416-00213); Chautauqua & Erie Communications, Inc. (File Nos, ITC-T/C-20000321-00174 and ITC-T/C-20040422-00179); Comerco, Inc. (File Nos. ITC-214-20030521-00254 and ITC-T/C-20040422-00180); El Paso Long Distance Telephone Company (File Nos. ITC-T/C-20000224-00122 and ITC-T/C-20040422-00176); Elltel Long Distance Corp. (File Nos. ITC-T/C-20000224-00123 and ITC-T/C-20040422-00182); FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp. (File Nos. ITC-T/C-20000321-00173 and ITC-TIC-20040405-00169); Fretel Communications, LLC (File Nos. ITC-T/C-20000420-00238 and ITC-TIC-20040422-00183); Germantown Long Distance Company (File No. ITC-214-19970113); GTC, Inc. (File No. ITC-T/C-20040422-00184); Mariana Tel. Inc. (File Nos. ITC-214-20011025-00599 and ITC-T/C-20040422-00 185); Orwell Communications, Inc. (File No. ITC-T/C-20040422-00171); Peoples Mutual Long Distance (File No. ITC-T/C-20040422-00172); Quality One Technologies, Inc. (File No. ITC-T/C-20040422-00173); ST Long Distance, Inc. (File Nos. ITC-T/C-20000224-00121 and ITC-T/C-20040422-00170); St. Joe Communications, Inc. (File Nos. ITC-T/C-20000224-00119 and ITC-T/C-20040422-00174); Taconic TelCom Corp. (File Nos. ITC-98-042-TC and ITC-TIC-20040422-00175); and UI Long Distance (File No. ITC-T/C-20040422-00176).

Assignee Century Enterprises, Inc. holds authority under Section 214 for international resale pursuant to File No. ITC-214-19960201-00011.

(5) Application purpose.

Applicants seek authorization for a partial assignment of the international Section 2 14 authorization of C-R Long Distance, Inc. (File No. ITC-214- 20000320-00156). Applicant CEI certifies that both it and its successor will comply with the terms and conditions of Sections 63.21 and 63.23 of the Commission's Rules.

(6) Nun-streamlined services.

N/A

(7)Environmental Assessment N/A

(8) Name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten percent of the equity of the applicant entities:

Please see information provided above in response to Item 4

(9) Certification as to whether or not Transferee is, or is affiliated with, a foreign carrier.

CEI certifies that neither it nor any affiliate or successor is or will be foreign carriers, and that neither it nor any affiliate or successor is or will be affiliated with any foreign carrier.

(10) Certification as to whether or not Transferee seeks to provide international telecommunications services to any country for which certain conditions are true.

CEI certifies that neither it nor any affiliate or successor will provide international telecommunications to any destination country for which CEI or an affiliate or successor (1) is a foreign carrier in that country; (2) controls a foreign carrier in that country; (3) is owned more than 25% by or controlled by an entity that controls a foreign carrier in that country.

- (11) Showing regarding provision of international telecommunications service to a country where the applicant is a foreign carrier or is affiliated with a foreign carrier. N/A
- (12) Regulatory classification under Section **63.10** of the **Rules** for foreign-affiliated carrier. N/A
- (13) Certification that applicant has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier.

CEI and its affiliates certify that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier with respect to any US international route where the foreign carrier possesses market power on the foreign end of the route and will not enter into such agreements in the future.

(14) Certification pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003 that no party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 583

Applicants hereby certify, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003, that to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief, no party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 583.

(15) Qualification for streamlined processing.

This application qualifies for streamlined processing under Sections 63.12(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules. No party is affiliated with any foreign carrier in any destination market. No party has an affiliation with a dominant US carrier whose international switched or private line services the applicants seek authority to resell, and none is anticipated as a result of the public offering which likely will result in widely held interests. No party to this application seeks authority

to provide switched basic services over private lines to a country **for** which the Commission has not previously authorized the provision **of** switched services over private lines. Authorization is sought to complete a public sale which would continue the current operations as **a** non-dominant carrier reselling the international switched services of one or more unaffiliated US carriers.

Respectfully submitted,

YATES CITY TELEPHONE COMPANY

and

C-R LONG DISTANCE, INC.,

Transferors

By:

Susan L. Sowell

Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of FairPoint Communications, Inc., Transferors' parent company

and

MID CENTURY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

and

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Transferees

By:

Sylvia/Lesse

Their Counsel

Communications Advisory Counsel, LLC 2154 Wisconsin Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20554 (202) 333-5273

April /6, 2007

DECLARATION OF SIJSAN I,. SOWELL

I. Susan Sowell, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel o. .airPoint Communications, Inc., the ultimate parent company of Yates City 'Telephone Company and C-R Long Distance, Inc. (the "Companies"), do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing Joint Application for Transfer of Control, and that the facts stated therein with respect to the Companies are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. information and belief.

Susan L. Sowell

Dated: 4/13/2007

DECLARATION OF RUSSELL D. SCHRODT

I, Russell D. Schrodt, General Manager of Mid Century Telephone Cooperative, the parent of Century Enterprises, Inc. (collectively, the "Companies"), do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing Joint Application for Transfer of Control, and that the facts stated therein with respect to the Companies are true and correct, lo the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Russell D. Schrodt

Dated; Alex 1207

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I. Sylvia Lesse, of Communications Advisory Counsel, LLC, do hereby verify that on this sixteenth day of **April**, **2007**, I caused to be sent via First **Class US Mail**, postage prepaid, the foregoing "Joint Application for Transfer of Control" to the following.

The Hon. Rod R. Blagojevich Governor of the State of Illinois 207 State House Springfield, Illinois 63706

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